

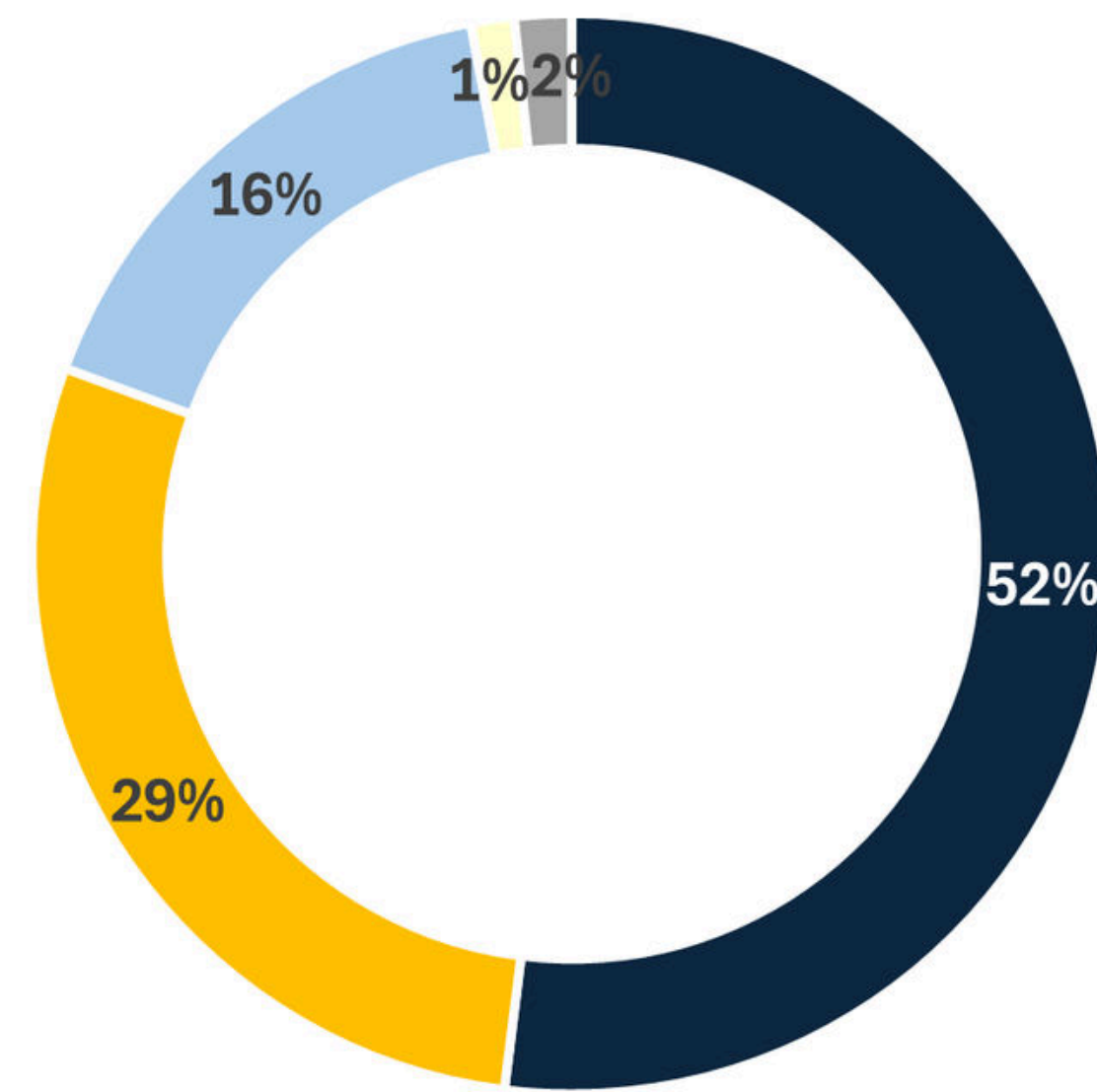
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The French Centre for Palliative Care and End-of-Life collects and analyses official data related to end-of-life and palliative care in France, whether concerning the availability of palliative care, mortality, or healthcare activity. A French Atlas of Palliative Care is published regularly to show how these data evolve across the country.

The Atlas aims to provide an overview of the palliative care provision and end-of-life pathways according to the patient's place of residence.

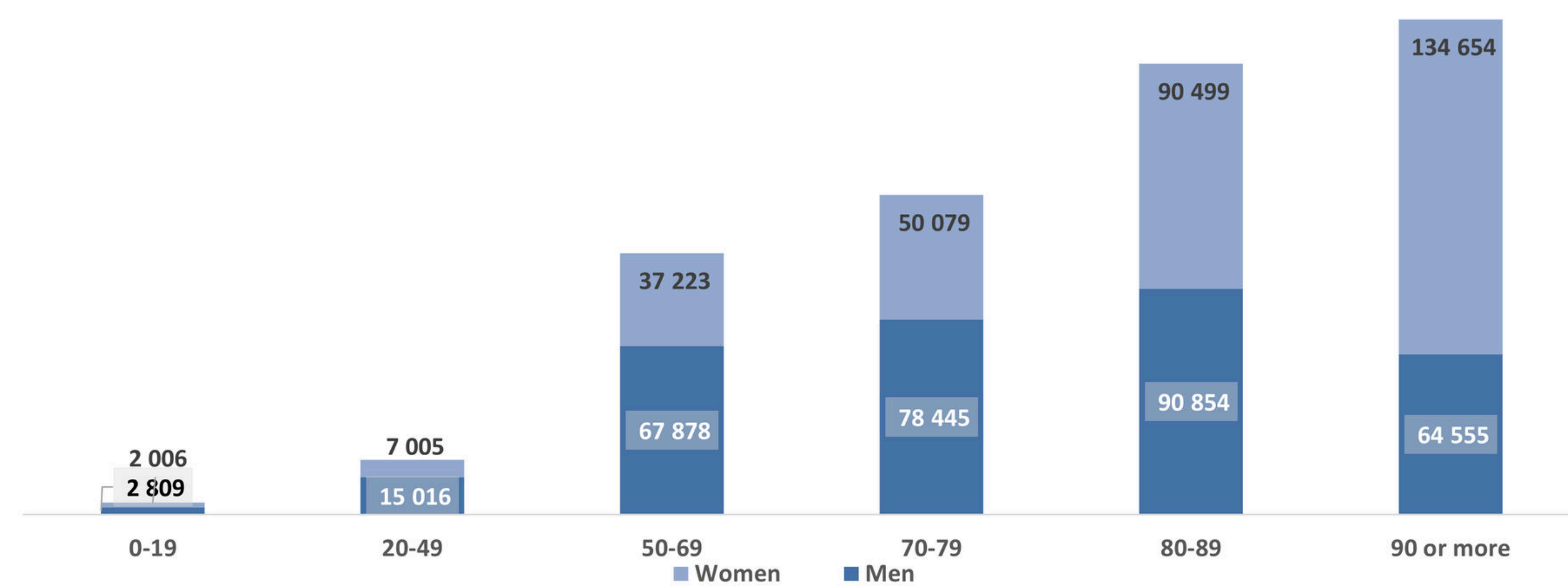
The fourth edition of the Atlas presents demographic data, such as the aging of the population and life expectancy. It also includes an analysis of palliative care needs, based on mortality, causes of death.

Place of deaths in France in 2024



■ Hospital    ■ Public place    ■ Nursing home  
■ Home    ■ Other place

Number of deaths in France in 2024



Few data about deaths in France in 2024 :

- Over **643,000 deaths**
- 9,4 per 1,000 inhabitants
- 79,4 years old on average
- 27% cancers, 21% circulatory diseases
- People who die in hospital are younger than those who die at home or in nursing homes

## WHERE IS PALLIATIVE CARE PROVIDED? IS PALLIATIVE CARE AVAILABLE IN ALL PLACE OF LIVING ?

In hospitals, there are palliative care units (PCU), dedicated to specialized palliative care, and identified palliative care beds (IPCB), which are beds in medical wards, where professionals are supported by mobile palliative care teams.

At home, general practitioners (GP) can provide palliative care with a new coding called « palliative care visit ».

Home hospitalization can also provide palliative care in patients' home or in nursing home if necessary.

### Palliative Care Units

In 2024 :  
**40,277 patients** in PCU  
 50% are **75 years or older**  
 62% came directly of their home  
 Patients stay on average 16 days  
 47% of patients made at least two stays in PCU  
 28,532 patients died in PCU

### Identified Palliative Care Beds

In 2024 :  
**102,439 patients** in IPCC  
 54% are 75 years or older  
 69% came directly of their home  
 Patients stay on average 15 days  
 29% of patients made at least two stays in IPCC  
 51,310 patients died in IPCC

### Home hospitalization

In 2024 :  
 70,518 patients received palliative care with home hospitalization  
 68% are 75 years or older  
 41% were in nursing home  
 Home hospitalization length on average 37 days  
 46,154 patients died during home hospitalization

### General practitioner

In 2024 :  
 More than 67,000 palliative care visits were mentioned by GP.  
 More than 14,000 patients received Midazolam for sedation at home

Nearly 125,000 people died while receiving palliative care in 2024. In France, palliative care is hospital-centered. However, inequalities exist, as 18 French areas do not have a Palliative Care Unit. A ten-year strategy for the development of palliative care started in 2024, with the aim of creating palliative care units and expanding palliative care outside hospital at the primary care level.

## Conclusion

Due to the aging of the French population and the rise in chronic diseases, palliative care needs will dramatically increase in the future. According to a French survey conducted by the French Centre for Palliative Care and End-of-Life, 75% of French population want to die at home, but 52% still die in hospitals. Home-based palliative care facilities development is needed.

Scan the QR code to download the 4th Edition of the French Atlas of palliative care and End-of-Life :

